Monitoring the prices of essential commodities

752. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of essential commodities prices of which are monitored by Government;

(b) what have been the prices of these essential commodities during the last six months; and

(c) how these compare with the corresponding period of 1990 and 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Ministry of Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution monitors regularly the prices of selected essential commodities *viz.* rice, wheat, gram dal, tur dal, sugar, gur, Vanaspati, groundnut oil, mustard oil, tea, potatoes, onions and salt.

(b) and (c) A statement showing the retail prices of rice wheat, gram dal, tur dal, sugar, gur, Vanaspati, groundnut oil mustard oil, tea, pota-otes oniong and salt as on 8-7-1992 and 8-1-1992 along with their comparative prices in the corersponding periods of 1991 and 1990 is given in the Statement.

Statement

Retail pricers of Selected essential commodities {Rs. per kg.)

Rice	1992		1991		1990	
	8-7-92	8-1-92	10-7-91	9-1-91	11-7-90	10-1-90
Delhi	7.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	' 4.95	4.70
Bombay	7.20	7.40	6.00	4.00	5.00	5.00
Bhubaneshwar	5.00	5.20	5.00	3.70	3.20	3.50
Madras	6.20	6.20	4.00	4.50	4.60	4.70
WHEAT				-		
Delhi	4.50	4.75	3.50	3.0	2.75	2.65
Kanpur	4.10	4.90	3.40	3.40'	2.60	2.70
Bhubaneshwar .	4.50	4.60	3.80	3.80	3.20	3.20
Hyderabad	6.50	6.O0	4.50	2.60	2.60	2.60
GRAM						
Delhi	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.35	9.70
Jaipur	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.30	9.50	7.00
Bhubaneshwar .	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.00	10.00
Madras .	9.50	9.50	10.50	9.50	10.50	9.50
TUR						
Delhi	15.00	16.00	16.00	14.00	11.50	10.50
Bombay	18.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	12.00	10.00
Bhubanshwar	15-00	17.00	16.00	16.00	12.50	10.50
Madras .	18.00	18.00	20.00	15.00	13.00	10.00

(Rs. per kg.)

	1992		1991		1990	
	8-7-92	8-1-92	10-7-91	9-1-91	11-7-90	10-1-90
SUGAR						
Delhi	10.50	9.50	10.00	9.00	9.00	8.85
Kanpur	10.50	8.70	9.65	8.80	8.25	8.40
Bombay	10.00	8.80	9.40	8.20	8.20	8.40
Bhubanshwar	10.00	9.00	9.50	9.00	9.00	8.50
GUR						
Delhi	7.00	6.00	7.50	6.00	6.75	6.05
Bhopal	6.00	5.50	5.00	6.00	5.00	5.00
Bhubaneshwar	7.50	6.50	8.20	7.00	7.00	7.00
Hyderabad	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.25
GROUNDNUT OIL						
Ahmedabad	37.00	43.00	40.00	41.00	32.00	24.50
Bombay	38.00	41.00	40.00	40.00	32.00	24.00
Hyderabad	35.00	37.00	35.00	37.00	30.00	22.00
Madras	35.40	38.00	38.00	36.00	32.00	23.00
MUSTARD OIL						
Delhi	31.00	36.00	32.50	35.00	27.65	20.75
Kanpur	27.00	35.50	30.50	32.50	27.50	19.50
Bombay	36.00	40.00	35.00	38.00	28.00	24.00
Bhubaneshwar	34.00	41.00	33.50	38.50	31.00	24.00
VANASPATI						
Delhi	37.50	42.00	39.00	38.50	33.35	24.70
Jaipur	40.00	43.00	38.00	39.00	33.50	25.00
Bhubaneshwar	40.00	48.00	33.50	42.00	35.00	28.00
Madras	41.00	46.00	40.00	39.00	36.00	29.00
TEA (Loose)						
Delhi	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	60.10	43.20
Bombay	55.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	62.00	45.00
Bhubaneshwar	60.00	55.00	60.00	55.00	55.00	44.00
Hyderabad	48.00	40.00	40.00	58.00	44.00	44.00

POTATOES						
Delhi	4.50	2.00	4.00	2.50	4.00	1.75
Kanpur .	3.50	1.50	3.50	2.00	3.00	1.00
Bhubaneshwar .	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.50	2.40	1.60
Hyderabad	8.00	*4* 50	*4.10*	4.00	4.00	250
ONION						
Delhi	4.	3.00	4.00	7.00	3.75	2.60
Kanpur .	2.50	2.50	3.20	6.50	3.00	1.50
Bhubaneshwar .	4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	3.60	2.20
Hyderabad	3.00	2.00	3.00	7.50	2.50	2.00
SALT (.PACKED)						
Dslhi	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00
Bombay; .	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00
Bhubaneshwar .	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.20	1.00
Madras .	3.00	2.50	2.00,	2.20	2.20	0.70

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Applicability of Consumer Protection Act on doctors

753. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medical Association has represented to Government that the doors be excluded from the purview of Consumer Protection Act;

(b) whether it is also a feat that a delegation of the doctors led by the IMA General Secretary had met the Prime Minister who had advised them to get the matter re-examined;

(c) whether this matter has been re-examined; and

(d) if so, the results thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A delegation of Indian Medical Association from Kerala had met the Prime Minister;

(c) and (d) In a recent judgement in the matter of M/s. Cosmopolitan Hospitals Vs. Smt. Vasanttha P. Nair, the National Consumer Disputes Red-rossal Commission has held that all the services including those provided by the medical professionals, which have *been* hired for a consideration are covered under the Consumer Protection Act. Government does not propose to interfere in the said decision of the National Commission. , .